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**WE BELIEVE**

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
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13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

**SPECIAL NOTICES**

Sister S. C. Chambers, widow of evangelist S. C. Chambers, succeeded him in departing to be with the Lord May 6, at Augusta, Ga. She was faithful to her Master until the end.

Word has come that Rev. Nora Miller, licensed minister, died April 18, 1952, at Frankfort, Ky.

*My Devotion*



Rev. Wade H. Horton  
Pastor at Charlotte, N. C., and  
Member General Missions Board

**Text: "Lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway," 1 Cor. 9:27.**

Some time ago the Lord woke me up for several nights and mornings and impressed me to set up a morning devotional period for my own daily spiritual needs. At first I was reluctant to speak or write about it, for I did not want to appear "over-righteous," but I have been convinced in my own heart that God wants me to convey my impressions to my fellow ministers.

Over and over I was impressed to read my Bible fifteen minutes each morning while upon my knees, and to

read the scripture aloud. While I was upon my knees, I was to pray for fifteen more minutes. **THIS CERTAINLY IS NOT ALL A MINISTER SHOULD READ AND PRAY, BUT THIS PERIOD IS FOR OUR OWN PERSONAL DEVOTION AND WORSHIP.** Brethren, I have found, after a few weeks of rigidly performing this morning devotion, that it has helped me tremendously. By reading the Bible aloud, it blesses me spiritually; it is more easily understood; and it becomes more real to me. And this is one prayer (fifteen minutes) that I seek God for my own need. Part of this time is spent in praising Him for past blessings and seeking Him for a spiritual and fruitful ministry. In closing my prayer, I seek Him for guidance and strength for the problems and perplexities of the day.

In the hurry and rush of the times, visiting and praying for the sick and depressed, personal counselling, per-

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**I UNDERSTAND**

*Through the night so dark and weary,  
Cannot see; tears make it all so bleary.  
Why? why? Oh, why must YOU choose?  
These I just cannot afford to lose.*

*Nighttime fades; I begin to see the day;  
Tears do finally pass away.  
Questions now are laid aside,  
As to Him I shall confide.*

*Oh yes, my God, I now can see  
That you are wiser far than me;  
You behold the path ahead,  
And know just which way I should tread;  
So now to Thee, with faithful hand,  
My future I give; I understand.*

(Written in fond memory of my wife, Evelyn, and daughter, Faith Ann.)

I want to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation to all who have been so kind in the most critical experience of my life. Your prayers have made the light of God to shine through the darkness. In the passing of my dear wife, and infant daughter, I feel that much of great value has been taken away. However, I know we shall meet again some day. God sees where I cannot see. He knows what I cannot know.  
By Rev. O. H. Wolff  
Green Bay, Wisconsin

# Jealousy

By Mrs. A. V. Childers

Her husband is pastor at Henderson, North Carolina

James 4:5, "Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door."

Song of Solomon 8:6, "Jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame." (A most furious flame.—Webster.)

The word JEALOUSY means to be envious, suspicious, or resentful, arising from mistrust of another. In learning the meaning of this particular word, then, we would study the cause of the existence of jealousy among the brethren. We notice in James 4:5 that the precautionary statement is to the brethren; not to the unbeliever, but to the believer or follower of the Lord. Then, it can exist among the brethren. This is a positive fact. It does exist. This is a positive statement.

Jealousy is a madness which cannot endure the good of others. In jealousy there is more self-love than love. Jealousy is a work of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21), and the scripture teaches us that those who partake of or entertain this work of the flesh shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Jealousy is one of the greatest of all evils, and yet the least condemned of those who cause it. It has been said, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." We can truthfully add: "Idle Christians are the ones who are jealous of those who succeed."

The jealous person is a martyr and makes martyrs of others. Jealousy is an inward strife against another, prompted and kept alive by the kindled fire of ENVY and HATRED. Song of Solomon 8:6 says, "Jealousy is as cruel as the grave." We think of a grave as something that holds captive that which is dear and precious to us. Many term the grave as something cruel. So is jealousy. Jealousy in the church will eventually kill the best of ministers, church members, and any that would let its blinding power control them.

The characteristics of jealousy are: It is a strife worker, continually causing discord and heartache. Jealousy is such a detrimental force that it will hold captive the mind and the heart, and will cause eternal damnation to the soul, if not overcome. One major characteristic of jealousy is that it will demand or rule the entire human life. It will cause the eye to see, the ear to hear, the tongue to gossip, the mind to think until the entire nervous system is wrecked and destroyed, if not conquered. How little the tongue is, but what a powerful weapon when used by this enemy—jealousy. Little indeed, is the match, but it can cause an uncontrollable fire. Fire is a destroyer, and so is jealousy—it destroys influence, character, and the hope of man!

Matthew 12:36, "But I say unto you, that every idle word that man shall speak, they shall give account thereof

in the day of judgment." Examine your hearts. Be certain they are not filled with jealousy or a desire for personal revenge. Bear in mind the words of Socrates, "Knowledge of good will lead to commitment of good. Let us not, therefore, accept the whispering of unkind and cruel gossip as certain knowledge." Let us trust the One who has proved Himself trustworthy, and then let us go a little farther by extending a helping hand to the fallen instead of a hand that will push him farther down. If we will but consider, there is something good in all of us. It is always best to sweep our own doorstep before we use the broom on the other man's territory.

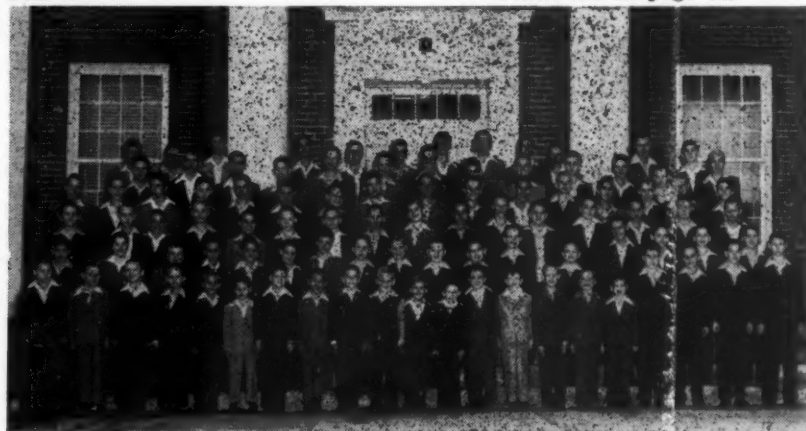
Again, jealousy is a parasite. It feeds upon the expense of others and can exist without a cause. It is easily and quickly born, but hard to destroy. So many times people use their imagination, and instantly jealousy is created within their hearts. Then the little spark of ENVY, HATRED, and FAULTFINDING becomes a part of them and can only be conquered by the wonderful power and Spirit of God.

Proverbs 14:30, "A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones." In other words, jealousy is compared to the lowest state of corruption, when the marrow of the bone has become rotten and decayed. The marrow of the bone is the life, the inmost or essential part of the human body. So, when we permit jealousy to corrode in the church, even in the ranks of the ministry, then we are subject to have a cancerous experience.

The results of jealousy: Sometime or another each one of us has been jealous. It is true that we do not wish to admit it. Even if we did admit the fact, probably we would not call it by its proper name—jealousy. Ever since the beginning of time, there has been jealousy. The disciples themselves had a streak of jealousy in their hearts before the crucifixion of Christ Jesus (Matthew 20:24).

To and fro, back and forth, the shuttle of time has moved across the great loom of life, weaving both beautiful and sombre patterns among Christianity. I would classify the beautiful patterns as the beautiful thoughts and deeds of the Christian; the ugly and unwanted patterns as the ugly and untruthful thoughts and words of the Christian. What is the difference between scandal and gossip? Oh, gossip is charming, but scandal is not.

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Our Orphanage boys dressed up in suits given to them by the State of Tennessee.

FIRST QUARTER REPORT 1952 MISSIONS AND ORPHANAGE				
	Missions	Orphanage		
Alabama	\$4,933.10	\$6,411.88	Missouri	546.71 539.15
Arizona	289.73	290.00	Montana	445.29 113.03
Arkansas	250.95	476.48	Nebraska	27.47 26.42
California	1,098.47	839.13	Nevada	.77
Canada—Central	15.38	23.04	New Jersey	100.61 18.84
Canada—Western	1,024.69	3.52	New Mexico	232.29 131.22
Colorado	29.08	31.67	New York	13.67 49.73
Connecticut	1.77	21.11	North Carolina	6,123.75 6,866.14
Delaware	95.19	84.70	North Dakota	407.40 233.60
District of Columbia	68.93	42.59	Ohio	1,607.02 1,367.25
Florida	5,798.31	3,222.21	Oklahoma	381.26 393.46
Georgia	4,389.52	2,522.26	Oregon	143.43 85.87
Idaho	52.74	39.79	Pennsylvania	902.95 693.52
Illinois	824.20	763.47	South Alabama	381.79 301.03
Indiana	489.70	461.97	South Carolina	5,537.42 2,373.07
Iowa	75.44	343.24	South Dakota	262.73 210.57
Kansas	272.11	172.69	Tennessee	4,969.40 2,672.35
Kentucky	1,573.63	1,261.84	Texas	1,716.89 978.19
Louisiana	544.15	552.98	Virginia	1,189.97 941.99
Maine	50.53	111.33	Washington	75.02 101.49
Maryland	514.19	60.37	West Virginia	1,731.02 1,801.19
Massachusetts	3.14	2.86	Wisconsin	63.69 38.71
Michigan	665.24	636.43	Wyoming	.23 6.55
Minnesota	0.81	9.09	Spanish	294.91 30.12
Mississippi	590.95	865.81	Hawaii	27.92
			Miscellaneous	1.30
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,805.24 \$39,712.15</b>



# Flourishing Palms and Fragrant Cedars

Sermon Delivered by W. H. Godwin, Pastor, Cantwell, Mo., Church of God

**Text: Psalm 92:12-14, "The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing."**

The palm tree was very plentiful in Palestine in the olden days of its glory. The palm was to be found on ancient Hebrew currency, as the president's picture on our currency. After the Roman conquest, there were Roman coins with the palm symbol. The palm is a true symbol of victory and peace. It was used by the great host of people present at Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (John 12:13); also, by the great multitude which no man could number that stood before the throne of God and the lamb (Rev. 7:9).

The fruitfulness of the palm tree is extensive. Scholars tell us there are 360 uses, including the use of its fruit for food, fibers of the base woven into ropes and rigging, tall stem supplies timber, leaves manufactured into brushes, mats, bags, and baskets. The consecrated Christian is versatile in that the Holy Spirit will produce in his life the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5: 22, 23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance . . ."

It is said you could rig and sail a yacht and provide food for a voyage from the palm. The flourishing palm-tree Christian finds sufficiency in the service of our Captain to carry us, with every need supplied, throughout the voyage, over the boisterous sea of life, to our heavenly home.

The uprightness of the palm tree, no doubt, is due to the fact that even in the desert where there is sand and barrenness, its roots go deep down into the earth to water and it drinks it up unseen; it thrives on the hidden stream. So it is with the Christian. He has food and drink of which this



world knows not. If a palm tree is weighted or hard pressed, it grows faster and better. Oppression won't harm it. So the weight of the cares of life and the pressure of the torments of the devil cannot hinder the Christian's growth. The perpetual greenness of its foliage, or the height at which the foliage grows, is as far as possible from the earth and as near as possible to heaven. "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord," yes, those that are not uprooted by every little discouragement, those that are not transplanted constantly by jumping from one doctrine to another, those that are truly planted shall grow, and grow, and grow upward, away from surrounding mortality, and shall "flourish in the courts of our God" in eternity. Weather doesn't hinder the growth of the palm. Weather will not hinder the Christian from going to church and being about his Master's business. How trag-

ic are fair-weather Christians!

The helpfulness a palm tree gives to the weary traveler is astonishing. As the careworn traveler plods along, thirsty and tired, he puts forth new strength when someone in the caravan cries, "Palms ahead!" There he finds shade, water. There he can enjoy the musical sound of the leaves of the palm as they whistle in the breeze. The Christian may help the lost to find Christ and put new hope into the heart where despair once reigned. He may partake of the water of life freely and enjoy the sweet music of a Christian life that is lived in tune with heaven. The faithful established Christian offers shade like a cooling shadow on a scorching day, with godly admonition and sympathy for the sad.

The longevity of the palm does not decrease its usefulness. The palm tree bears better fruit as it becomes older. Some bear fruit for approximately 100 years. One tree has been known to bear as much as 600 pounds. Likewise the saint of God should not become useless because he is growing old. We glorify our Father only as we bear much fruit. The wicked are of the earth, hence they are like briars, brambles, thorns, and grass; the righteous flourish like the palm tree, even in old age. When the palm tree is worn out, it gives its body to be burned like the faithful martyr.

## The Cedar and Palm Trees Belong to the Evergreen Family

The cedar is a large and noble evergreen. The roots of the cedar go down deep among the rocks and earth, taking hold of the hill. Some of the roots are nearly a mile long. As the cedar has mighty roots, so the Christian has strong faith and bears fruit in youth and age, in summer and winter, in prosperity and adversity, in life and death.

The righteous is like the cedar in its fragrance. Its perfume spreads for miles. It is said that Wesley's room in Oxford is encased in cedar, and you can still smell it on entering. Is it not true of the precious memory of all good men and women, whose influence does not expire when they de-

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## HERE ARE THE CONTEST WINNERS

We announced in the May 10 issue of the *Evangel* that the State of North Carolina, Earl Paulk, state overseer, won first place in the A and AA group, with the State of Georgia winning second place. Now we are happy to report that the State of Maryland, G. W. Lane, state overseer, won in the B and C group, with Michigan, M. P. Cross, state overseer, winning second place. The State of Nebraska, W. R. Collins, state overseer, won in the D, E, F, G, H group, and Montana, Doyle Stanfield, state overseer came up for second place. We congratulate these state overseers for leading their states to this success. We deeply appreciate the interest that was shown during this contest. The circulation for the *EVANGEL* reached the highest circulation it has ever had, the *LIGHTED PATHWAY* circulation was excellent, and the song book circulation was exceptionally good. We sold over 60,000 song books during the contest. **CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF THE WINNERS AND TO EACH OF YOU WHO HAD A PART IN THIS CONTEST!**

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George Wilson. (Not shown in picture: Lewis T. Herndon, Oliver Barnett)

## Kentucky State Club

President	George Wilson
Vice-President	William Witt
Secretary	Ruby Tweed
Treasurer	Nancy Back

soul-stirring revival, with Rev. Oran White as evangelist. The faith of the saints has been uplifted by many souls returning to God. Seven were saved, 4 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church. The Holy Ghost took charge of the services many nights, and there were wonderful healings. The revival spirit is still with the church.—Edward G. Gray, Jr., Clerk.

GREENVILLE, N. C.—We have had a great revival here, with Rev. R. C. Sansbury. The power of the Lord was with us in a great way and all were blessed. Fifteen were saved, 10 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 12 added to the church. Brother Sansbury is a wonderful man of God, and we all learned to love him.—Mrs. J. L. Corbett, Reporter.

SALEM, W. Va.—We have had a wonderful revival, with Rev. O. C. Ballard and Rev. O. O. Beardsley. We were much blessed by Brother Ballard's preaching and piano playing. Rev. Beardsley sings, plays the violin and the musical saw, does chalk-talk drawing, and draws with a blowtorch. People came from miles around to the service. Many were healed and freed from demon powers. We feel that our church will grow by leaps and bounds as a result of this marvelous revival.

WURLAND, Ky.—An old-time revival came to a conclusion here, with the altar full of seekers, April 6, 1952. Rev. W. E. Foster was the evangelist. There were 23 saved, 15 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 18 baptized in water, and 8 added to the church. This was one of the most wonderful revivals we have had here. All the saints were greatly encouraged by the presence of God in every service.—W. G. Lighte, Pastor.

## OLD-FASHIONED REVIVALS

OXFORD, Ohio—A few weeks ago we closed one of the greatest revivals we have had here, with Brother Bobby Ross as evangelist. Brother Ross, a young man of 21, is a dynamic speaker, a wonderful singer, and also plays the guitar. He preached nightly under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. There were 12 saved and 3 added to the church. The tithes have more than doubled since Brother Ross was here. We are praising God for everything. Our pastor, Brother J. Andrew Rafferty, has done a great work since he has been here. We have completed 3 more Sunday School rooms and a 4-room parsonage and furnished it completely. I believe we have one of the best pastors in the State.—Carl Witters, Reporter.

STOCKBRIDGE, Mich.—God did bless in a wonderful way in our revival with Rev. A. H. Tribble as evangelist. Souls were saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed.—Gerald Van Houten, Pastor.

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—God is visiting us with a great revival here. Souls are praying through almost every night. Our Sunday School broke all previous records Easter Sunday with 211 present.—L. I. Hare, Pastor.

BLANTONS GROVE, Ga.—Forty were saved, 38 sanctified, 19 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church in our revival recently. Rev. Kelland Jeffords, our evangelist, and his wife are two fine, talented young people and have a zeal and love for God.—Mrs. Roy Harris, Pastor's Wife.

DENMARK, S. C.—Sister Della R. Patrick, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., was our evangelist for a wonderful revival here. There were 8 saved, 8 sanctified, 1 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 11 added to the church. One sister's right leg was paralyzed, but she was instantly healed when Sister Patrick prayed for her.—J. W. Terry, Pastor.

JOPPA, Md.—We have just had a

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# EDITORIAL...

## The Rapid Growth of the Church of God



From 8 to 234,684 members  
From 1 to 3,632 churches  
From 1 to 4,901 ministers  
From 1 to 2,404 Sunday Schools (U. S. and Canada)  
IN 66 YEARS

Although it is quite likely that hundreds in the same nominal denomination to which Rev. Richard G. Spurling belonged were dissatisfied, as he was, over the creeds and traditions which he thought were not only burdensome and binding, but also retarded spiritual growth and activity, yet credit goes to him for having had the courage to demonstrate his objections by pleading with his church for a reformation. This effort, however, failed, and he arranged for a meeting with fellow members Thursday, August 19, 1886, at Barney Creek Meeting House, Monroe County, Tenn. An organization was set up with eight members and named "Christian Union"; Rev. R. G. Spurling became its first pastor and moderator. As the matter of his first official business, he received his son, Richard G. Spurling, Jr., a licensed minister into the fellowship, and he soon became its pastor.

On the 15th of May, 1902, Rev. Spurling called a meeting at the home of Rev. W. F. Bryant, in Cherokee County, N. C., and the name "Christian Union" was changed to "The Holiness Church at Camp Creek." Then, at the Second Assembly, which convened January 9-13, 1907, in the Union Grove church, about ten miles from Cleveland, Tenn., the name "Church of God" was adopted on the basis of 1 Cor. 1:2.

When the Fifth Annual Assembly convened January 10, 1910, in Cleveland, Tenn., the organization had 31 churches, 42 ministers, and a total membership of 1,005. To meet the growing demands of the rapidly expanding church, it was decided to begin a departmental program; the first established was the publications department, and in March, 1910, the first issue of the official Church organ, "Evening Light and Church of God Evangel," was published. After one year the name was changed to "The Church of God Evangel." By 1914 it had changed from a semi-monthly to a weekly publication. The first printing plant was valued at \$327.31, as against the present approximate value of \$500,000. The subscription circulation of the *Church of God Evangel* is 38,000. The *Lighted Pathway*, the official youth magazine, has a circulation of 62,000. The Church of God Publishing House also prints the Church Sunday School literature and song books.

The next department established was the Church of God Bible Training School, January 1, 1918, in the *Evangel* office at Cleveland, Tenn., with an enrollment of only six students. In 1946 the Church purchased the Bob Jones College property in Cleveland, Tenn., for \$1,500,000, and

its student body has reached 872. The Church also has a missionary school in San Antonio, Texas, and Bible Schools at Fresno, Calif., Minot, N. Dak., and Estevan, Sask., Canada.

In 1919 the Church set up an orphanage department in Cleveland, with a financial capital of about \$7,000. It opened with only four children. At present the Orphanage is located at Sevierville, Tenn. Its property value is \$800,000, and it is caring for 265 girls and boys and arranging to receive many more.

The progress of the denomination was interrupted for a few years over the necessity of having to impeach its General Overseer, July 26, 1922. Several hundred ministers and members went with him under the title agreed on later by the Supreme Court as "Tomlinson Church of God." They, however, soon began using the name "Church of God over Which A. J. Tomlinson is General Overseer," and then, upon his death, they chose "The Church of God over Which M. A. Tomlinson (his son) is General Overseer." Most of the time, however, they simply went by the name "The Church of God." This, of course, was a violation of the court's decree, and worked many hardships on our denomination, whose rightful title is "The Church of God." On March 7, 1952, the Supreme Court confirmed the decision of 1929 that their name was the "Tomlinson Church of God." Then, Judge Woodlee, in Chancery Court here in Cleveland, Tenn., May 2, 1952, demanded that they abide by the Supreme Court's decision, or adopt the name "The Church of God of Prophecy." According to newspaper reports, they have accepted the latter name.

The Church of God Missions Department was actually set up in the Twenty-first Assembly—1926; although Church of God ministers had preached in foreign countries since 1910. At present the Church has supervisory missionaries in 48 foreign countries over a substantial corps of native missionaries. Contributions to the Missions Department for 1951 amounted to \$350,887.70.

As a means of promoting the young people's work, the "Young People's Endeavor" was organized in June 1929. For some time this work, along with that of the Sunday School, has been under the supervision of a national director, and there are 2,116 Y. P. E.'s and 2,404 Sunday Schools in the U. S. and Canada.

The junior, yet strong and active, department of the Church is the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band, officially established in 1936, with the uniform name of the L.W.W.B. It is expected that each of the denominations 3,560 churches have one.

Another great step forward in the progress of the Church of God was the amalgamation of the Full Gospel Church of South Africa with the Church of God on March 28, 1951, which boosted our membership, 30,000. Its title is "The Full Gospel Church of God." Neither would we forget the group known as the Church of God in Mobile, Ala., which came to us with 28 churches and their membership on Feb. 9, 1950. We deeply appreciate these who have joined hearts and hands with us as fellow ministers and members of the Church of God to promote God's cause in this lost world.

The following statistics, furnished by our General Overseer, H. L. Chesser, give further proof that our organization is realizing rapid growth, for which we are grateful:

July 31, 1948 ..... 2,940 churches  
July 31, 1951 ..... 3,560 churches; gain of 620  
Churches organized in last 3½ years ..... 705; disbanded 16;



gain of 689  
 Total number of churches, Feb 1, 1952 — 3,629  
 Churches organized from April 1, 1951, to April 3, 1952 — 166  
 Sunday Schools, 1948 — 1,960; attendance, 117,046;  
 average per school, 59  
 Sunday Schools, 1951 — 2,329; attendance, 160,943;  
 average per school, 69; gain of 43,897, or 37 per cent  
 Ministers, July, 1948 — 4,932  
 Ministers, July, 1951 — 4,869, or 63 less  
 Ministers licensed, September, 1940, to September, 1944  
 1,408  
 Ministers licensed September, 1944 to September, 1948  
 2,205  
 Ministers licensed September 1948, to April 1952 — 1,750  
 Ministers licensed from April 16, 1951, to April 17, 1952 — 531,  
 average, 10 per week  
 Finances through coffers of Church:  
 In 1948, \$1,264,214; in 1951, \$2,073,822; gain of \$809,608, or  
 64 per cent  
 Property value, 1948—\$20,759,570

Property value, 1951—\$30,186,366; increase of \$9,426,796,  
 or 45 per cent  
 Property value per capita—\$136.72  
 Membership 1936—48,517; in 1940, 82,051; gain of 33,534,  
 69 per cent, in 4 years  
 Membership, 1944—89,540; gain of 7,489, or 9 per cent, in  
 4 years  
 Membership, 1948—135,452; gain of 45,912, or 51 per cent in  
 4 years  
 Membership, February 1, 1952—234,684; gain of 99,232, or  
 73 per cent gain, in 3½ years  
 Average membership per church—65  
 Membership per capita minister—48  
 In 3 years, from July 1948, to July, 1951, there were 63  
 ministers less and 620 churches more  
 In 3½ years, from July 1948, to February, 1952, there  
 were 99,232 members more  
 In 3½ years, from July, 1948 to February, 1952, there was  
 an average gain each week of 3 new churches organized,  
 9 ministers licensed, and 545 members

## E/P NEWS...

### LATE NEWS

#### Missionary Attacked

COLOMBIA, South America—A report has come through recently of the persecution of Ralph Hines, a Protestant missionary. While he and his companion were en route to a service, they were forced by an attacking party into the Magdalena River. The party meanwhile rushed to the house where the meeting was to have been held, destroyed Bibles and texts, beat the father and daughter of the house, and finally left. The matter was reported to the British Consul and through resulting investigation the police inspector in the party was dismissed.

#### THE BIBLE IS NOT A CATHOLIC BOOK

The Roman Catholic advertisements in our press today are claiming that the Bible is a Catholic book. This is a subtle idea, containing a grain of truth, for the Canon of the Scriptures was decided upon in early Church councils, which the Catholics claim to have been "their councils"—but when taken as a whole, the statement is absolutely false. The Bible is not a Catholic book!

The Bible was written by men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, who wrote the gospels, were not members of the Roman Catholic Church. Paul, who wrote most of the epistles, contradicts what the Roman Catholic Church believes and practices. Peter, in his epistles, does not claim nor suggest that he is a pope, nor is there one word in the New Testament that justify the supposition that he was a pope.

The Roman Catholic Church had nothing to do with the production of the Bible. Their system came along later and fell heir to that which was left of the Church after it was wed-

ded to the world and had apostatized from the true faith. Hence, they can claim to trace their origin back to the beginning, but the real succession is that of faith and Christian practice, rather than mere historical succession.

#### JEWS AND THE IRON CURTAIN

It is estimated that there are about 13 million Jews in the world. Over 2 million are in Russia and well over 500,000 are in Red satellite countries. The 10 million are in various countries throughout the world. A well-informed writer in the *Times* says that immediately the new Jewish State failed to range itself on the side of the Soviet Union, support from Russia ceased. Today, the Russian Jew has no contact with the rest of the Jewish world community, or even with Jews in the satellite countries. "For the Jews of Eastern Europe the Iron Curtain seems now to have descended with the finality of a prison gate."

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## OBITUARIES

### DORTCH

J. C. Dortch was born August 19, 1890, and departed this life March 19, 1952. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, and 3 sons. He attended the Church of God in Sweetwater, Ala., and his funeral was held in that church. Officiating ministers were the

Reverends B. V. McIntyre and M. B. Breland.

#### JACOBS

Sister Melissa Jacobs departed this life on Feb. 15, 1952, at the age of 54 years, after an illness of approximately 6 months. She had been a member of the Church of God at Jeffrey, W. Va., since Jan. 3, 1942. Last respects were paid to her on Feb. 18, 1952, with Rev. D. R. Moreland, pastor of the Jeffrey Church of God, delivering a most inspiring and comforting message. Sister Jacobs was loved by everyone who knew her, and her life was lived daily for her Lord and Master. Her death has caused much loneliness and sadness in the home, church, and community, but we are looking forward to that great and notable day of the Lord when we shall meet her, never to part again.—Iva Kingery, Church Clerk.

#### HOLMES

Sister Tommie Holmes, 76, departed this life to be with Jesus February 16, 1952. She was a faithful member of the Church of God here at Piedmont, Alabama. She had trusted the Lord with both soul and body for 28 years. She was loved by all that knew her.—Lattie Jarrell, Clerk.

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# PREACH THE WORD

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Brother Cox was licensed November 19, 1933, and ordained May 27, 1941. He has served the Church of God for these 19 years as evangelist, pastor, and state overseer. He has organized 18 churches in new fields and led in the construction of 4 church buildings. He was appointed in 1948 to the oversight of Iowa and Nebraska, and as overseer of Iowa in 1950, which state he is serving at present.

**TEXT:** "To whom shall I speak and give warning that they may hear? Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken. Behold, the word of the Lord is unto them a REPROACH; they have no delight in it," Jer. 6:10.

According to Jeremiah, judgments had been pronounced on God's chosen people for their sins and for refusing to adhere to God's Word. The Word of God had become a reproach to them. In other words, they (God's people!) were ashamed of it. God moved upon Jeremiah, the prophet, and told him to reprove the people of their sins and warn them of the judgment that was to come upon them. He was reluctant and tried to find an excuse to justify himself—"O Lord God, I cannot speak, for I am a child." But the Lord said, "You are not a child; take my word and give it to the people." He promised Jeremiah that He would go with him in the ministry and that he should fear nothing. At that time the kingdom of Judah was in captivity because of her iniquities. Jeremiah preached and wept over his people, pleading with them to turn from their wicked ways; but their ears were uncircumcised. They would not hearken to the Word of the Lord.

Let us notice two evils that God's people had committed. "For my people have committed two evils; (1) they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, (2) and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." Jer. 2:13. God's people were supposed to be a light to the world, but they were everything but a light. In verses 11 and 12 we find even God Himself astonished because the people had changed their gods and their glory for something that profited them absolutely nothing. They were ashamed of God's Word, it had become a reproach to them. They thought they were too smart for it, so

they traded it off for something else.

Say, Brother Ministers, I wonder sometimes if we change our ministry just because the people change, or perhaps because some D. D. came along and you thought he was smarter than you, and you changed your doctrine to suit the crowd. Have you forgotten what you promised God and His church several years ago? Then, your ministry was not widely known, but God was with you and you shouted and talked in tongues. You shook like a leaf under the power of God, and you delivered the message to the people that God had given you. You told your people what the Church of God stands for. You loved its teachings and didn't try to break them down before your people. Do you still love them? I am happy to tell you that we have Bible to sustain our church doctrines. Let us analyze some of them.

**Feet washing.** How long has it been since you have had an old-time feet washing in your church? Has Dr. So-and-so told you that there was no use in it, and that if you want your church to climb up in society you'll have to leave feet washing off? Well, brother, please read the 13th chapter of John, beginning with verse 4, and see what God tells you to do. Are you going to be the one to try to change God's Word, just because some other church that claims what you do doesn't wash feet. Some people will tell you that they believe in feet washing, but they won't practice it or teach it in their churches. What is their belief worth? The very same God that called Jeremiah to preach to his people is calling you to preach feet washing to the church and to put it in practice. What are you going to do about it? Feet washing is part of the gospel and the apostle Paul says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." Why, Paul? "It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Years ago, when you came into the Church of God and received your license to preach the gospel, you said you believed in it. In these last days you have learned so much until you can't preach it any more. Listen to what God says about it. "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words (feet washing) in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels," Mark 8:38. If you are looking for the world to exalt your preaching the Word of God you will be disappointed. The thing for you and me to do is to preach the Word to please God and forget about trying to please man.

**Are we ashamed of holiness?** Do we still preach holiness like we once did? Do we still tell our lady folk to dress as becometh holiness? About twenty

years ago, when I came into the Church of God at Greenville, S. C., I well remember how some of our old ministers, who have already gone to meet their reward, would preach holiness so straight until we found our way down to the altar. Oh, praise God! I shall never forget old Brother J. B. Ellis, Brothers Culpepper, N. B. Osborn, S. W. Latimer, E. J. Boehmer, and others who told us it was a straight way, a holy way, a way that was separate from the world. The Word was not a reproach to them. They esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt. I am wondering if we would come out and face the world as Moses did. "By faith Moses, when he was come to years refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter," Heb. 11:24. Why? "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season," Heb. 11:25. He counted it a pleasure to preach holiness to the people of God and the world, although it was a reproach to him as far as the world was concerned. The message he must deliver was much sweeter and richer than anything the world could ever give. Sad to say, many of our ministers profess to believe in holiness but fail to preach it. Ministers, don't ever let the Word of God become a reproach to your ministry. If you do, you will be defeated. Count it a great privilege to carry the gospel and don't be ashamed of it. You are called of God and not of man. If you try to please men, and feed them on a little milk and fail to give them the Word of God that will save and help them, you are called of man and may as well quit preaching. I believe if a man is called of God he will preach

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the Word in its fulness—not just part of it.

I have met some misleading ministers who called themselves full-gospel preachers who would preach anything and do anything if there was money in it for them. I knew of a preacher who was pastoring a so-called full-gospel church. Not long ago he won the favor of the people and persuaded them to follow him. He said that God had given him a gospel, and the people left the church and followed him. They poured the money to that man by the thousands. He put the money in his pocket, built himself a church, and put it in his wife's name. Now the people are tired of being suckers; they are leaving him and his services are going down. But he has their money and property, and what do they have to show for it? I would to God today that the people over the land and country would rise up against this free preaching. They call themselves free, but they are not. They are fighting people and preachers, and will preach anything and follow anything that comes along. My Lord, give us ministers and people that are organized and will appreciate the full gospel and are not ashamed of it.

**What about sanctification?** Do we tell our people that they can be sanctified, and urge them to come to the altar and seek to be? Are we ashamed to tell the people that it is a definite work of grace subsequent to the new birth, and that a Christian must be sanctified before he receives the Holy Ghost? Has it become a reproach to our ministry? Have we hewed out new cisterns that will hold no water? Have we forsaken the old paths and gone after new ways and doctrines? Brethren, if we fail to preach the doctrine of sanctification to our people, Christ will hold us responsible for not preaching the full gospel. Sanctification is found in the Old Testament 110 times and in the New Testament 31 times, making a total of 141 times in the Bible.

We all know that the Greek and Hebrew words for "sanctification" and "sanctify" mean to make or pronounce clean or holy; to purify or to separate from carnal things for spiritual purposes. Now, if sanctification will do all of this for us, you had better tell your people to be sanctified. Don't tell them to come and receive the Holy Ghost, looking like the world. They can't receive the Holy Ghost until they are sanctified. How was sanctification provided? Through the offering of our Lord Jesus Christ's own body and life. Heb. 10:1-4. "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all," Heb. 10:5—one time for all of us. I don't have space to give you all of the scriptures relative to this subject. How are we sanctified? Through the blood of Christ. When are we sanctified? When we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God. Rom. 12:1, 2. Let us read the second verse: "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and

perfect will of God." What is the will of God? "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication," 1 Thess. 4:3. Now we know that the will of God is for you and me to be sanctified down here, not in heaven. Heaven is sanctified, and everything that will ever get there will be sanctified. Sanctification is needed right here in this world to live the life and overcome this world. Jesus said, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth," John 17:15-17. If Christ had not wanted His ministers sanctified here in this world, He would have asked the Father to sanctify them when they got to heaven. That wasn't what Christ wanted. He said they were not of the world even as He was not of the world. Yet, they needed to be sanctified. If it was important enough for Christ to offer a special prayer to the Father for them to be sanctified, it was a definite work. If it was not definite, why didn't He ask the Father to give them the Holy Ghost instead of sanctification?

Today, many are preaching, "Get saved and receive the Holy Ghost." Why don't we put sanctification where it belongs? Let's put it where the Lord put it, and quit trying to move it. Is it a reproach to you to tell the people they can be sanctified? or have you let some little preacher selling books tell you that Christ's blood could not sanctify you definitely? Take a look at this: "Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood suffered without the gates," Heb. 13:12. If that is not definite, then no experience is definite. The Lord Jesus Christ doesn't give you anything that isn't definite. Yet, people will tell you that a person must be sanctified before he receives the Holy Ghost and then turn right around and tell you it is not definite. In other words, they are saying you've got to have it and yet you don't know you've got it. I think this is the most unbalanced preaching I have ever heard. Good sense will tell you that all of the nine gifts set in the church are definite gifts from God to man. When you were called of God to preach the gospel, did you receive a definite call? Of course, you did. When you were saved, you were definitely saved. If you were not, you are still lost. If you are sanctified, and you must be before the Holy Ghost comes in, then it is definite. If we don't need it, Christ's prayer in the 17th chapter of John was in vain. I believe Christ can do what He said He would do. "Faithful is he that calleth you who also will do it," 1 Thess. 5:24. Also, read 1 Thess. 5:22, 23.

Brethren, don't be afraid to preach the Word. Christ has done so much for you and me. May the Lord Jesus Christ help us all to stand by the teachings of the Church and fight the good fight of faith until it is enough. God bless you.



#### Pfc. CLAYTON WADSWORTH

Dear Believers in Christ:

I am a soldier stationed here in Pusan, Korea. I believe in the Pentecostal experience and love my Lord. Although I am not a member of your denomination, I should like a list of names of the boys who are in Korea, especially in this vicinity. Can you help me?

Yours for Christ, Pfc. Clayton Wadsworth, US 51009065 60th Med. Base Depot Co., APO 59, in care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Clayton:

It was, indeed, a delight to receive your good letter of March 18 as well as your splendid picture. I am having a cut made of your picture, and I shall be happy to run it with your write-up in the Evangel, with the hope that a number of parents will send to you the names of their sons in service there in Korea. I know that regardless of denominational membership, wherever Christians meet, especially when they are so far removed from their homeland, there is great fellowship.

You have my prayers that the Lord's most choice blessings will continue to rest richly upon you and protect you while there and return you safely to your home.

Sincerely,

J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief

#### MY DEVOTION

(Continued from page 2)

forming marriages, conducting funeral services, straightening out church controversies, raising quotas, supervising building programs, serving on committees, and many other things too numerous to mention, the busy minister is in danger of forgetting himself. This should never be. First, because in the saving of others he must also save himself. Second, because he is the fountainhead through which most of the blessings come to his congregation, the minister should be alive and on fire for God.

Try this daily half-hour worship period for one week and see how much you will be helped, strengthened, and blessed. Before you realize it, you will be staying on your knees for more than one-half hour.

Brother Ministers, we must pray. There is a gigantic job to be done. We cannot do our part unless we are consecrated. Now is the time. God wants to move upon us and through us to bless a lost world. What will our answers be? **WHAT WILL YOUR ANSWER BE?**

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**A GROWING SUNDAY SCHOOL**



Pictured above is the Sunday School of the 21st Street Church of God in Wilmington, N. C. The church was organized March 9, by Rev. L. O. Henry at the conclusion of a two weeks' revival conducted by Reverend Amos Holcomb. Reverend C. Teachey, pastor, had this picture taken of the Sunday School the second Sunday after the church was organized. The church was organized with 24 members and \$103 tithes were paid the first Sunday.

**CARTWRIGHT CHURCH OF GOD BLESSED**

DAUS, Tenn.—The Lord has blessed us wonderfully here in the Cartwright Church of God since Brother Redden was appointed our pastor. During these 5 months, 7 have been saved, 5 sanctified, 5 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. The Sunday School average attendance has been 101; total offering, \$146.93; the Y.P.E. average attendance has been 94; offering, \$77.80. The L.W.W.B. has raised \$143.76. We certainly do appreciate Brother and Sister Redden and what they have done

for us.—Brother and Sister Arley Layman.

**ROCK HILL DISTRICT CONVENTION**

Palm Sunday of April, 1952, marked the opening service of a great Rock Hill District convention under the direction of our state overseer, the Rev. John L. Byrd, and our district overseer, the Rev. C. M. Jinkerson. The initial service was blessed with fine special singing from each church of the district and congregational singing which expressed the joy of salvation in the glad hearts of the delegates who filled the host church, Fort Mill,

to capacity. Brother Byrd climaxed the meeting with an informative and inspirational sermon based on his trip to the West Indies, which brought everyone closer to the work that is being done by our Missions Department and the great harvest of souls that is yet to be reaped in foreign lands. In response to this message there was a fine floor offering given, which was included with the amount brought from the churches of the district and produced a grand total of \$955.80.

The second session of the convention convened on Monday evening and again featured special singing and a large band composed of the consecrated talent from Chester, Clover, Farmac Mill, Fort Mill, Lando, Rock Hill, and York. The service was graced with the presence of the Rev. F. L. Muller, guest speaker and pastor of the Church of God of Greenwood, S. C., who delivered a very timely and beneficial sermon encouraging the church to move forward through God's open road and not be stopped by Satan's dead end. Accompanying Brother Muller was his music director, Horace Mauldin, whose high tenor voice pierced the heart of every delegate with the strains of "The Old Gospel Ship." Banners were awarded to Farmac Mill which boasted 4 delegates per member and Rock Hill which presented the largest delegation other than the host church, Fort Mill. The convention was concluded with a fiery and evangelistic message by Brother Byrd dealing with church evangelism, which brought forth a closing pledge of renewed effort by the ministers and laity alike as they stood before the altar and pledged themselves to work for the salvation of at least one soul each during the next 3 months.

While preaching and singing were certainly contributing factors to this convention, the predominating and motivating factor invoking God's special blessings on all present was the fine cooperation and fellowship that prevails among the ministers and churches of the Rock Hill District.—Convention Reporter, Paul L. Walker, Fort Mill, S. C.

**CHURCH MOVING FORWARD**

CENTERVILLE, Iowa—The church here is moving forward; God is blessing in a great way. We have just completed a nice Sunday School plant in our church here. We are the leading church in the State. The power of God comes down in a great way, and people are being saved and healed in a marvelous way.—L. J. Stone, Pastor.

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## WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA, CHURCH DEDICATED



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library, rest rooms, and the main auditorium, which is modern throughout.

After the fine message by Brother Roberts, everyone enjoyed a basket lunch. Brother L. C. Bulbrey, our Sunday School superintendent, had a beef barbecued, and after all were served there was barbecue left.

The afternoon service will long be remembered by the members of the church, for as Brother Roberts preached that wonderful sermon about Solomon and the Temple, the glory

of the Lord came down. As he brought his message to a close, he began dedicating the runners, the pews, the piano, etc., to the Lord and everyone, with hands raised, began praising and glorifying the Lord. Brother R. E. Drymon, our district pastor, prayed the closing prayer.

The sacrifice, work, and prayers of our good pastor for the ten years he has labored here has made all of this possible.—George Searcy, Reporter.

### LONG DISTANCE REPORT

The greatest revival that Spartanburg, S. C., has ever experienced has been in progress, with the Thea F. Jones evangelistic party. There was a nightly attendance of 3,000. The first week there were 500 decisions for Christ. Miracles of healing occurred in every service. The revival continued through May 18. This revival was sponsored by the Pentecostal churches in Spartanburg.—Linwood Jacobs, Chairman of the Spartanburg Pentecostal Fellowship.

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### STATE OVERSEER BYRD BREAKS CAMPGROUND



On April 3, the district overseers of South Carolina met with the state overseer and state youth director at the state office for a general discussion of our work. In the late afternoon we motored to the campground for a short ground-breaking service, which was closed by a concert prayer, invoking the blessings of the Lord on our tabernacle project. As we write, a large bulldozer is pushing stumps and grading the tabernacle site.—State Overseer.



# Missions . . .

**J. H. WALKER, SR.,**  
Executive Missions  
Secretary



**J. H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary, and Dr. Anna L. Sebring Sorting the Clothing for Shipment to Germany**

## *A Touching Letter*

A few months ago, the following letter was received in this office and it was in the German language. We took the letter to one Dr. Sebring, faculty member of Lee College, to translate for us. While Dr. Sebring was translating the letter, she was so touched by its contents that she began at once to make plans for this worthy cause. She solicited the assistance of her friends and the students at Lee College, and they collected several boxes of very nice clothing and shoes to be sent to this needy family in Germany. These people are certainly grateful to Dr. Sebring and all those who had a part in this noble work, and I am sure the Lord will abundantly bless them. You will note the writing is a bit odd to our way of expressing things, but I am sure you will be blessed by such thankfulness to God in such trying times.

Dear Christian Friend:

Peace with greetings.

I hope with earnestness that you have received my lines in my native language, for unfortunately I cannot use the English.

I am to you an unknown letter writer, and far from you in a strange land, yet the love of Christ binds us men together and, though separated, can make us to appear one. I am from

a country which for years has had a senseless dictator who led our people away from faith in God, and brought on a reign of terror and misfortune for many millions, and away from a knowledge of faith. But we Germans are again on the way of knowledge, that not alone democracy, but especially trust in God brings sympathy and love for one's fellow men, marking the milestones on the road to the great Nazarene, Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who hears all our prayers and thanks, and who will do right for us if we live right.

During all the years of our heavy sorrows I have never belonged to the rule of the devil, Hitler, but to God. My children had to speak against the churchly ordinances. Believe me, dear pastor, such as this was not agreed to by me. Truth alone is the command of the hour, where bitter necessity like a flood poured over life for my family. Against all this, I was powerless, even for myself.

In Germany, I could find no work—nothing to help; since the cross of the

poorest, even, is too heavy, I did not complain, for our destiny is in God's good hands, and He will not forsake those who are in their great need. He was very near to me. In our deepest suffering, I felt His helping hand. He has saved us from fatal dangers.

I know of the tradition of helping our Christian brothers and sisters, in the United States of America. This knowledge has so many Christians' hearts filled with thanks over all the world. For five years I have been without work, and have received only a little help, so that my family could eat a little. Alas, I have no money for clothing—which is so expensive. We have been hungry now for several years; and our two-room shelter, a kind of barracks, I can't keep up. There are only some old things; I need, at least, some furniture. We all sleep on straw; no bed things, all lacking. I work hard every day in the woods with bad weather and poor things to wear—in order at least to have some heat and something to eat for the coming winter. The health of my family suffers severely under these conditions. All these great trials in life I wish to endure, and know how to bear, for God knows why He permits it. He will not forsake me. He gives me the strength and faith of vision. In Him I find protection and trust in all the heavy sorrows. It must be borne! Bitter always is the cup of sorrows. Glorious and heavenly is the relief, through the Lord Jesus Christ. Light is the burden of Golgotha's sorrow and hope. Joy through the knowledge of Jesus Christ, borne, suffered and died for men.

How can I ever compare the grief of Jesus with my sorrows? I ask only the health of my family. For this happiness I pray now and always. For my family and what they have, I must leave in the hands of the devilish Bolsheviks. Totalitarianism might have robbed us of our home, and, like the Nazi rule (or system), a heavy burden of guilt rests on it. Millions of men are like my family, always in flight before the Bolsheviks. It is terrible here in West Germany—thousands, men and women, old and young, are, by the Red arms, driven by torture methods, even unto death. Who can save bare life? God be thanked. Today, after five years, shines a world forgotten, but never will we forget our brothers and sisters in Europe. The hammer and sickle will destroy every noble and goodly thing.

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I see a powerful dictatorship in which men follow Satan, not God. In me springs up, however, the certainty that humanity will conquer by the sign of the cross. Not, however, in serving God through Leninism-communism. There are 12 million refugees in Germany. Thank God for their rescue from Bolshevism—this power which will never conquer faith, faith will increase to a river of truth, truths—Christian love and pity in Jesus the Saviour.

We Christians know that Bolshevism is on the increase and is destroying our Christian culture and all that we valued highly the philosophy of heathenism breaks down. It is not a question of our earthly goods being destroyed. They would destroy God Himself, as well as our philosophy, our art and our religion, make an end of our world which we love so dearly, which we have worked together to build. Now it is open to seizure, and thousands speak of nothing but robbery, murder, and burning. In these serious times we must all be cross-bearers. We stand not in struggle over the possession of our lands! As long as we believe, are we not conquerors? And in the struggle hanging over us, we stand individually, with our faith, our love, and our hearts, all for Jesus Christ.

You, dear pastor, care for souls; you realize how hard and terrible is our need. My family hunger and suffer. How heartfelt will be their joy in Jesus if a helping hand is extended to them.

Please believe me. I come to you not as a beggar. I would not come to you if it were not for our utter need and great poverty. A thousandfold would I give to others were I not in such distress! I want to help others. It is heavenly to give. My dear family knows how the dear children's eyes fill with tears when a gift arrives. How happy I will be when my beloved wife can share in this joy! If my request is met, understand me, dear pastor, and do not turn away from me, please. How light (bright) I find Christian association—a generous, charitable friend, who would, for my family, some cast-off and not-needed garments, such as old shoes, send me. Perhaps, honored pastor, some friend of yours would like to help a poor German family. I have not such a friend, and so we must go hungry. If no clothing is found (come), we will understand. If possible, give me the address of anyone who sends anything, so that I may thank him and let him know that his gift has reached a grateful German Christian. So many thanks will go out from the depth of my heart, and my prayers are for him. However, we are not of those who are weak, but of those who believe and wish to save souls. Heb. 10:39. In fullest thankfulness, and Christian unity, I am —

#### **This Is the Reply to Our Letter and Receipt of the Clothing**

Dear Honored Christian Friends:  
Accept please our heartfelt thanks

May 24, 1952

for the dear lines that you sent to me, especially thanks for the heartfelt gift. The helping hand of Jesus Christ! Be sure that the noble gifts met our great need. We are, on account of the goodness and mercy, with such warm things unexpected, blessed.

Here in Germany until now, no one has helped us, and we are fortunate in the certainty that our Christian brothers and sisters in the States of America help in their holy tradition where it in human power lies. Tears of joy overcame us when the glorious clothing arrived. May our Lord God bless your society as He answered our prayers. He knows our hearts in blessing, and these are thankful prayers from our innermost souls. Thanks!

In all the political bewilderment, we remain on the straight road of our great King, Jesus Christ. To God the Father be praise, and proof to the stiff-necked in our Christian society through our mercy and through the schooling of what we say we will Christianize all humanity of the earth that in God's Word the struggle is for God.

I express in these lines our thanks so you may accept the truth of my words. Here in our Germany, millions of people have found a better standard of living after the war; but millions, especially the refugees, have accepted Bolshevism and are in bitter need and poverty. Not everyone will such a gift receive. In these lines we wish to say our thanks; you and your society of missions are thanked. We reach out to you our hands in joy in the certainty that our heavenly Father will be with us. Thanks, dear Christian friends. May God bless and keep you! May God be with you.—Your thankful family—

#### **HONDURAS DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL A SUCCESS**

Recently, Miss Lucille McCutchen and Brother and Sister W. R. McCall have been working in a revival at La Ceiba. The meeting created considerable interest and discussion among numbers of people. A daily vacation Bible school was held for two weeks, with over 100 children in attendance. Several adults were interested in salvation and came to the altar. It seems, however, many are seeking some new experience and forget they must pay the price of a day by day holy life. Some are willing to pay, and the Lord is blessing.

Remember to pray for our missionaries in Honduras.

#### **SHE HAS DONE WHAT SHE COULD**

Often we hear the remark, "I wish I could do something for missions." But, friends, do you realize there is an opportunity at your door for missions? I should like for you to see what Mrs. Callie R. Purvis has done—putting legs to her prayers. Just like thousands of other mothers, she has her duties, and look what she did in her spare time:

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Sent 5 to Alaska.  
Sent 6 to Jamaica.  
Sent 2 for the Orphanage.  
Sent 7 for the home missions there in Staunton, Va.

There is a chance for you to help answer your prayers by giving to such a worthy cause.

We appreciate all of approximately 70,000 pounds of clothing going to Jamaica this year coming from you dear people. May God bless you for your efforts.

#### **CHAPLAIN KILLED, ASSISTANT INJURED IN KOREA**



Word from Chaplain John Lindvall, of the 160th Infantry Regiment, up on the front lines, gives details concerning the death of Chaplain Robert Crane, of Pomona, Calif. In company with Corporal Kenneth Berry, his chaplain's assistant, Chaplain Crane was returning from two services with the troops on the front lines when an enemy mortar shell landed beside their jeep. Berry was blown from the jeep and lost an arm, and both legs were broken and shattered. Rapid evacuation by helicopter saved his life, but Chaplain Crane was killed instantly. John Lindvall says of Crane, "He was a true man of God and a soldier of the cross. He was a remarkable Christian—one whose consecration was deep and sincere.

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#### **PAUL'S APOLOGY**

By Ray Morgan

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# The Thought - Factor in Achievement

Rev. Willis E. Lankford, Pastor, Raleigh, N. C.

Brother Lankford was saved April, 1946, later becoming a member of the Church of God in Canton, N. C. It was during the time he was a member of that church that he was called to preach the gospel. He attended Lee College three years and one summer term. He has had some wonderful revivals since being a minister in the Church. He has an outstanding memory of the Scriptures and plays ten musical instruments.

**Text:** "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he," Prov. 23:7.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he" not only embraces the whole of a man's being, but is so comprehensive as to reach out to every condition and circumstance of his life. A man is literally what he thinks, his character being the complete sum of all his thoughts.

As the plant springs from, and could not be without, the seed, so every act of man springs from the hidden seeds of thought, and could not have appeared without them. This applies equally to those acts called "spontaneous" and "unpremeditated" as to those which are deliberately executed.

Act is the blossom of thought, and joy and suffering are its fruits; thus does a man garner in the sweet and bitter fruitage of his own husbandry. All that a man achieves and all that he fails to achieve is the direct result of his own thoughts. In a justly ordered universe, where loss of equipoise would mean total destruction, individual responsibility must be absolute. A man's weakness and strength, purity and impurity, are his own, and not another man's; they are brought about by himself, and not by another; and they can be altered only by himself, never by another. His condition is also his own, and not another man's. His suffering and his happiness are evolved from within. As he thinks, so he is; as he continues to think, so he remains.

A strong man cannot help a weaker unless that weaker is willing to be helped, and even then the weak man must become strong of himself; he must, by his own efforts, develop the strength which he admires in another. None but himself can alter his condition. It has been usual for men to think and to say, "Many men are slaves because one is an oppressor; let us hate the oppressor." Now, however, there is among an increasing few a tendency to reverse this judgment, and to say, "One man is an oppressor because many are slaves; let us despise the slaves." The truth is that oppressor and slave are cooperators in ignorance, and, seeming to afflict each other, are in reality afflicting themselves. A perfect knowledge perceives the action of law in the weakness of the oppressed and the misap-



plied power of the oppressor; a perfect love, seeing the suffering which both states entail, condemns neither; a perfect compassion embraces both oppressor and oppressed.

He who has conquered weakness, and has put away all selfish thoughts, belongs neither to oppressor nor oppressed. He is free. A man can rise, conquer, and achieve only by lifting up his thoughts. He can remain weak, and abject, and miserable only by refusing to lift up his thoughts. Before a man can achieve anything, even in worldly things, he must lift his thoughts above slavish animal indulgence. He may not, in order to succeed, give up all animality and selfishness, by any means; but a portion of it must, at least, be sacrificed. A man whose first thought is bestial indulgence could neither think clearly nor plan methodically; he could not find and develop his latent resources, and would fall in any undertaking. Not having commenced manfully to control his thoughts, he is not in a position to control affairs and to adopt serious responsibilities. He is not fit to act independently and stand alone. He is limited by the thoughts which he chooses.

There can be no progress, no achievements, without sacrifice, and a man's worldly success will be in the measure that he sacrifices his confused animal thoughts, and fixes his mind on the development of his plans and the strengthening of his resolution and self-reliance. The higher he lifts his thoughts; the more manly, upright, and righteous he becomes, the greater will be his success; the more blessed and enduring will be his achievements. The universe does not favor the greedy, the dishonest, the vicious, although on the mere surface it may sometimes appear to do so; it helps the honest, the magnanimous, the virtuous. All the great teachers of the ages have declared this in varying forms, and to prove and know it a man has but to persist in making himself more and more virtuous by lifting up his thoughts to the terms and requirements of al-

mighty God.

Intellectual achievements are the result of thought consecrated to the search for knowledge, or for the beautiful and true in life and nature. Such achievements may be sometimes connected with vanity and ambition, but they are not the outcome of those characteristics; they are the natural outgrowth of long and arduous effort, and of pure and unselfish thoughts.

Spiritual achievements are the consummation of holy aspirations. He who lives constantly in the conception of noble and lofty thoughts, who dwells upon all that is pure and unselfish, will, as surely as the sun reaches its zenith and the moon its full, become wise and noble in character, and rise into a position of influence and blessedness. Achievement, of whatever kind, is the crown of effort, the diadem of thought. By the aid of self-control, resolution, purity, righteousness, and well-directed thought a man ascends; by the aid of animality, indolence, impurity, corruption, and confusion of thought a man descends.

A man may rise to high success in the world, and even to lofty altitudes in the spiritual realm, but again descend into weakness and wretchedness by allowing arrogant, selfish, and corrupt thoughts to take possession of him.

Victories attained by right thought can be maintained only by watchfulness, prayer, and faith in God. Many give way when success is assured, and rapidly fall back into failure. All achievements, whether in the business, intellectual, or spiritual world, are the result of definitely directed thoughts, and the only difference lies in the object of attainment and the spirit that motivates the efforts. Let us remember that the best thoughts come out of pure hearts, and the most noble deeds are the results of much thinking.

## CHAPLAIN KILLED...

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His simple faith in God, his belief in divine healing, and his sense of missions were outstanding. He had been rector of All Saints Church, one of the largest Episcopal parishes in the San Diego area, yet had resigned his church and had determined to stay in Japan as a missionary. He had so applied himself to the language that in less than a year's time he could converse quite freely with the Japanese. Crane was the seventh chaplain to lose his life in the Korean conflict. Lindvall plans to raise money for a memorial chapel in Japan in Crane's memory.—E/P.



## CAMP MEETINGS AND STATE CONVENTIONS

STATE	DATE	PLACE
ALABAMA	June 30-July 6	Birmingham
ARKANSAS	June 23-29 (S. C. 27-29)	Bald Knob
CALIFORNIA	June 16-22	Pacific Palisades
COLORADO	July 15-23	Clifton
FLORIDA	June 10-19	Campground, Wimauma
GEORGIA	June 30-July 9	Campground, Doraville
IDAHO, OREGON		
WASHINGTON	June 30-July 6	Campground, Woodland (Conn)
ILLINOIS	June 30-July 6	Campground, Benton
INDIANA	June 25-28 (S. C.)	Terre Haute
IOWA	June 16-22	Des Moines (Beaube)
KANSAS	June 10-15	Coffeyville
KENTUCKY	June 30-July 5	Campground, Lexington
LOUISIANA	June 19-22	Covington
MARYLAND	July 28-Aug. 3 (S. C. 1-3)	Hurlock
MICHIGAN	June 24-29	Tabernacle, Detroit
MISSISSIPPI	June 17-22	Hattiesburg
MISSOURI	July 14-20	Arcadia, Epworth among the Hills
MONTANA	July 21-27 (Y. C. 14-20)	
NEBRASKA	June 27-July 2	Omaha
MAINE	July 7-13 (S. C. 11-13)	Appleton
NEW JERSEY	July 11-13	Millville
NEW MEXICO	June 24-29	Hobbs Jr. High School
NEW YORK	July 15, 16	Brooklyn
NORTH CAROLINA	June 9-15	Campground, Charlotte
NORTH & SOUTH		
DAKOTA	June 26-July 4	Campground, Minot
OHIO	June 18-21	Cincinnati
OKLAHOMA	June 30-July 6	Campground, Chandler
PENNSYLVANIA	July 14-24	Somerset
SOUTH CAROLINA	June 30-July 6	Campground, Laurens
TENNESSEE	June 20-July 6	Cleveland (Paulk)
TEXAS	June 16-22 (S. C. 21-22)	Campground, Weatherford
VIRGINIA	June 23-28	Radford
WEST VIRGINIA	June 9-14	Beckley
WISCONSIN	June 10-15	Wausau
CENTRAL CANADA	July 20-27	Wheatley
WESTERN CANADA	July 5-14	Estevan, I. B. C.

## JEALOUSY

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dal is gossip made tedious by slander.

We do not have to take a gun and kill a person to take his life. No, there is a much easier way than that. We can use our influence against his influence. We can kill or ruin his reputation by smearing it with a black paint brush from the devil's paint bucket which is filled with the smoot of ENVY and HATRED. Then we can stand back and fan the little spark (usually with the tongue) until it becomes a furious flame, terribly injuring our fellow man. Many times unkind statements are made against preachers in regard to their ministry, until their influence has been lowered before those to whom the statements have been made. But if a man can get things done for God, we should bid him Godspeed.

The remedy for jealousy: Jealousy can be cured. The first step toward recovery is realizing that you have jealousy within your heart. Just as the pimples will mar the beauty of the face when a person has the measles, so will jealousy mar the beauty of the Christian. You cannot keep it hid. It will always break through, and the secret is out. Other people can tell

that you are a victim of the dreaded disease; but, praise God, there is a cure, if we are willing to accept it.

Where is and what is the right source of help? Yes, many years ago, God saw the need of such a cure, and He sent His only Son to die for us that we might have victory over the works of the flesh. John 3:16. Again, in 1 John 3:8 we read, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." Through Christ we can have victory, not only over jealousy, but over anything that would hinder us from running this race with victory. Therefore, the remedy for jealousy is to get Christ in the heart and church. 1 Cor. 12:12, "For as the body is one: so also is Christ." Verse 26, "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." Then each member of the church is essential. Therefore, we should not try, by a jealous spirit, to hurt or kill another's influence. One of the most striking qualities in the life of Jesus was His capacity for friendship. Therefore, if we are followers of Him as we should be, we will give no place to jealousy, but be a friend to all with whom we come in contact.

## FLOURISHING PALMS...

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part this life? One never pays his last respects to the deceased at the funeral—as long as the departed are remembered they are respected.

"He shall grow like the cedar." The sturdiness and durability of the cedar is remarkable. The wood is of a red color and very bitter. When the insect comes, the first dose staggers it, and the second threatens to kill it, for the sap is poison. Likewise, if one has on the whole armor of God, he may withstand the attacks of the devil.

Cedar grain is fine, taking a polish well. Cedars were used in the construction of Solomon's Temple. Even though the stately cedar was beautiful growing on the mountains, it was more useful when brought down and used in Solomon's Temple—the house of God.

"They shall still bring forth fruit in old age." Other plants generally fall then, but not so of the people of God. Trees grow old and look scraggy, but they sometimes still produce fruit in old age. The crowning glory of life is serving the Lord in old age. An old man planted in the house of the Lord and flourishing in the courts of our God is a most glorious thing on the face of the earth. Need old age bring bitterness? No. There are shining examples in the Bible: Moses, Samuel, David, etc.

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## A PLEASANT VISIT

Brother B. D. Gore, pastor of the Church of God in Vidalia, Ga., came by to see us Friday morning, April 4, on his return from visiting the Orphanage (in Sevierville), Lee College, and the general offices. The Sunday School class of which Sister Gore is teacher, sponsored the trip. The purpose of this trip was to better educate the people of his church as to what the Church of God is like. Students who came were Carl Pickle, Kermit Beasley, Jack Matthews, Kirkland Gore, Kenneth Gore, Esther Page, Betty Kate McEmore, Doris Griffin, Lenora Gore, and Patsy Turner. The young people enjoyed this visit immensely; in fact, two of them are already planning on attending Lee College.

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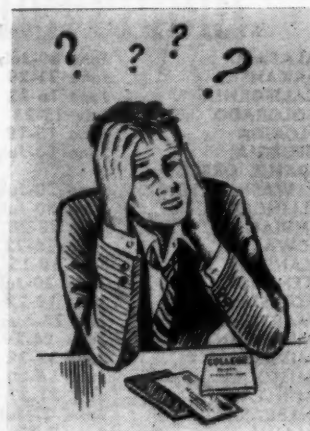


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